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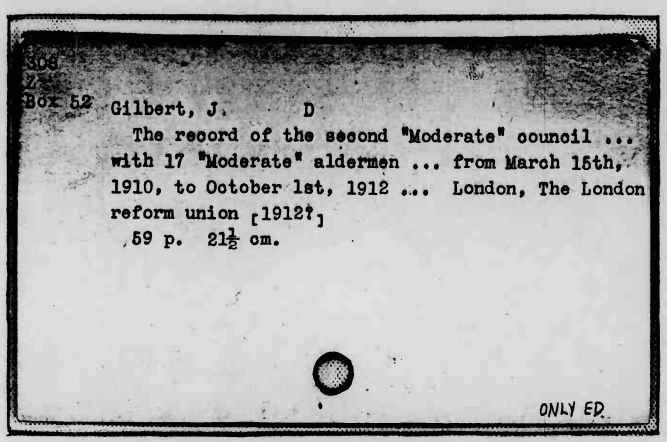
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QUERY HEADING

The Eighth Council Election took place on March 5th, 1910, with the following result:—

MODERATES	60
PROGRESSIVES	58

(Including 3 Independent Labour Members.)

This majority of 2 to the Moderate Party was the result of *One Vote* in Central Finsbury, which gave them one Moderate seat. There were 10 Aldermanic vacancies to fill up, and the usual practice had been in previous Councils to allot the Aldermen in proportion to the number of the parties elected at the poll.

AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW COUNCIL ON MARCH 15th, 1910, THE MODERATE PARTY PROCEEDED TO ELECT

ALL THE TEN ALDERMEN,

ELECTING 4 DEFEATED CANDIDATES, SOME OF WHOM POLLED AMONGST THE SMALLEST NUMBER OF VOTES IN LONDON.

This gave them, with their existing 7 Aldermen, a total of 17 Aldermen out of 19, leaving the Progressives with 2, although they only secured the majority vote of two by the accident of one vote in Central Finsbury.*

*Only elected Councillors can vote for Aldermen.

L.C.C. COMMITTEES.

The Selection Committee brought up the list of names of the Committees for the ensuing year. The composition of parties in the Council, with Aldermen, was as follows:—Moderates, 77; Progressive and Labour, 60; and the unwritten rule for years had been that Committees were constituted in proportions as near as possible

to the party numbers. On Committees not considered by the Moderates "IMPORTANT," they endeavoured to carry out this rule, viz.:—

	M.		P.
ASYLUMS COMMITTEE	19	...	16
ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE	5	...	5
HOUSING COMMITTEE	7	...	6
FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE	6	...	5
MAIN DRAINAGE COMMITTEE	6	...	5
PUBLIC CONTROL COMMITTEE	6	...	5
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE	6	...	5

But on IMPORTANT Committees they refused to give the Progressives their proper and right proportion of members:—

	M.		P.
EDUCATION COMMITTEE, Elected	21	...	17
EDUCATION COMMITTEE, Non-Elected	8	...	4
Total	29	...	21

	M.		P.
FINANCE COMMITTEE	9	...	6
HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE	9	...	7
IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE	9	...	6
PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE	12	...	10

April 19th, 1910.—The following motion was moved by Progressives:—

"That this Council, recognising the anomaly of certain "children being fed during the school sessions, but though "equally necessitous during the holidays, being allowed to "remain then unfed, whereby injury is caused to their health, "application be made as a matter of urgency to the Board of "Education to authorize the feeding during the holidays of "such children under Section 13 (b) of the Education (Administrative Provisions) Act, 1907, which gives power to the local "education authority' to make such arrangements as may be "sanctioned by the Board of Education for attending to the "health and physical condition of the children educated in "Public Elementary Schools," and to the Local Government "Board to sanction the necessary expenditure."

Was opposed and defeated by the Moderates, who voted for an amendment:—

"To obtain the highest legal opinion in this matter."

April 26th, 1910.—Improvements Committee recommendation:

"To lease land in Mare Street, Hackney, to the Salvation "Army for 999 years."

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"To substitute 99 years instead of 999 years."

May 3rd, 1910.—Finance Committee brought up following motion:—

"That the Council welcomes the declaration of the intention of His Majesty's Government to place, during the present "financial year, the question of the subvention towards Higher "Education from the beer and spirit duties on 'a more satisfactory and stable basis,' and trusts that in any new financial "arrangement provision will be included for making good out "of the Imperial Exchequer the shortage in the yield of the "beer and spirit duties for 1909-10, caused by the increased "taxation imposed by the Finance Bill, 1909-10."

PROGRESSIVE AMENDMENT MOVED AND CARRIED TO LEAVE OUT THE WORDS:—

"caused by the increased taxation imposed by the Finance Bill, "1909-10."

On further resolution of Finance Committee:—

"That the Council adheres to the views expressed in its "memorandum forwarded to the Chancellor of the Exchequer "on 8th September, 1909, as to the basis of allocation of the "moiety of the duties on land values assigned to local authorities, and desires again to emphasise its opinion that having "regard to the local character of such duties no part of such "moiety should be earmarked by Parliament for supplementing "in any way the subventions from the Imperial Exchequer in "aid of services of a national character locally administered."

Voted against following amendment to insert after "Council":—

"regarding the whole question of Exchequer grants and rating "as in pressing need of revision, and being strongly of opinion "that land values should be taxed and rated in such a manner "as to secure to each locality the socially created increment "value attaching to land."

Voted against following amendment:—

To omit all words after "authorities," and insert:—

"but desires that powers be given to local authorities to use the "new valuation of land for the purpose of local rating, so that "the rates may be divided between the ground landlord and "the occupier according to value."

May 3rd and 4th, 1910.—Stores Committee brought up recommendations to give contracts for **FOREIGN MADE GLASSWARE.**

PROGRESSIVE AMENDMENT MOVED AND CARRIED AS FOLLOWS:

"That so much of the recommendation as relates to items "———— in respect of tenders for foreign glass be referred "back to the Committee in order that a report may first be "obtained as to the conditions of labour under which this "foreign glass is produced."

May 10th, 1910.—Stores Committee

brought up a report dealing with rates of wages on clothing contracts.

Voted against following addition proposed by Progressives:—

"And that the Comittee be instructed to consider and report "as to the advisability of employing direct labour for the "manufacture of the clothing required by the Council."

June 7th, 1910.—On Education Annual Estimates,

PROGRESSIVE AMENDMENT MOVED AND CARRIED:—

"And that it be referred to the Finance Committee to consider "and report as to the submission of a supplemental estimate "of £10,000 in order to provide additional housewifery edu- "cation."

Voted against:—

"A supplemental estimate of £5,000 for the provision of "baths."

Voted against:—

"A supplemental estimate of £50,000 for the purpose of im- "mediately proceeding with the modernising of an additional "five schools."

Voted against:—

"A supplemental estimate of £10,000 to secure extra sites."

Voted against:—

"A supplemental estimate of £5,000 for Building and Equip- "ment, Elementary Education."

Voted against:—

"A supplemental estimate of £2,000 for meals for underfed "children."

June 14th, 1910.—On Housing Annual Estimates,

MOVED BY PROGRESSIVES AND CARRIED:—

"And that it be referred to the Finance Committee to con- "sider and report as to the submission of a supplemental

"estimate of £10,000 for the clearance of the Tabard Street "slum area under Part I. of the Housing of the Working "Classes Act, 1890."

Voted against:—

"A supplemental estimate of £10,000 for providing extra "dwellings."

On Improvements Annual Estimates.

Voted against:—

"A supplemental estimate of £5,000 for the purpose of com- "mencing the widening of Kingsland Road and Old Street, near "Shoreditch Station."

MOVED BY PROGRESSIVES AND CARRIED:—

"And that it be referred to the Finance Committee to con- "sider and report as to the submission of a supplemental esti- "mate of £5,000 in reference to the East India Dock Road, "Poplar."

June 21st, 1910.—On Education Annual Estimates.

Voted against:—

"A supplemental estimate of £15,000 for salaries of "teachers."

In order to enable teachers then out of employment to be put into employment.

Voted against:—

"A supplemental estimate of £5,000 for the purpose of imme- "diately proceeding with arrangements for the dental treatment "of children."

Voted against:—

"A supplemental estimate of £5,000 for the purpose of medi- "cally treating children unable to be accommodated under the "present inadequate arrangement with the hospitals, and for "finding spectacles for those necessitous children who require "them."

On Education Annual Estimates.

Voted against:—

"A supplemental estimate of £5,000 for Polytechnics and "Technical Institutions—Grants in Aid."

Voted against:—

"A supplemental estimate of £1,000 for Special Schools for "Epileptics."

Voted against:—

The following words being added to the Education Parliamentary Estimate:—

"Finance Committee to consider and report as to the sub-
"mission of a supplemental estimate in order to allow of an
"application in the next Session of Parliament for powers to
"enable the Council to feed during the school holidays necessi-
"tous children attending Elementary Schools."

On Public Health Annual Estimates.

Voted against:—

"A supplemental estimate of £900 for Milk Supply, Tuber-
"culosis Examination of Samples, etc., and Expenses."

June 28th, 1910.—Finance Committee

brought up a report and resolutions dealing with Increased Exchequer Grants for London.

Voted against following amendments to be added to the resolutions:—

"And that, in order to secure the full benefit of such in-
"creased grants, the rates of London should be further
"equalised."

"And further desires to express the opinion that the Council
"should be granted the power to rate for local purposes the
"land values as ascertained under the provisions of the Finance
"Act, 1910."

On Highways Annual Estimates.

On Capital Estimates.

Voted against following words being added:—

"That in view of the comparative results of electric and horse
"traction on the tramways, as shown by the accounts now
"before the Council, it is desirable and expedient to proceed
"immediately with the complete electrification of the remaining
"horse lines, and that it be referred to the Finance Committee
"to bring up a supplemental estimate in order to enable the
"Highways Committee to electrify all horse trams without
"delay."

Voted against following amendment:—

"That estimate be reduced by £1 in order that arrangements
"may be made at Charlton for the construction of new cars, so
"that when the Leyton shops are closed the work of construc-
"tion may proceed side by side with repairs."

Voted against following:—

"And that it be referred to the Finance Committee to consider
"and report as to the submission of a supplemental estimate in

"order to provide for the increased traffic which would be in-
"duced by the extension to passengers on the tramways on the
"south side of the Thames of the facilities now enjoyed by
"passengers on the northern tramways, as regard the issue of
"return tickets."

July 5th, 1910.—On Highways Annual Estimates:—

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"That estimate be reduced by £10 in order that the accept-
"ance or renewal of advertisements on the Council's cars of
"alcoholic liquors may be discontinued."

Special Committee on Allocation of Cost of Tramway Improvements:—

brought up a report recommending certain allocations without giving any reason for so doing, they claiming to have the powers of a judicial body, simply to give their decision.

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"The Council declines to consider the suggested allocation of
"cost until the Committee submit the facts of each case to the
"Council."

Allocation of improvement, Mill Lane, Woolwich.

Committee recommended one-third each to Improvement and Tramways Account.

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"To substitute two-thirds to Improvement Account and nil to
"Tramways Account."

Allocation of Battersea Park Road and Battersea Bridge Road.

Committee recommended one-third to Improvements Account, one-half to Tramways Account.

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"To substitute five-twelfths to *each* of the Improvements and
"Tramways Account."

Allocation of Council's contribution to Elephant and Castle Subways.

Committee recommended five-sixths to Improvements, one-sixth to Tramways Account.

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"That whole cost be charged to Improvements Account."

Main Drainage Committee on Construction of Northern Low Level Sewer recommended:—

"That it be referred to General Purposes Committee to con-
"sider and report as to the necessity of formulating conditions

"as to rates of wages and hours of labour to be observed in "connection with contracts for work of the nature of civil "engineering."

Voted against following amendment, to add:—

"And also to consider and report as to the advisability of "carrying out work of this description by the direct employ- "ment of labour, so that the scandal of men working seven "days a week may be prevented."

July 12th, 1910.—Motion on necessitous children, *adjourned from April 19th*, 1910:—

"That the Council being desirous that necessitous children "attending Public Elementary Schools who cannot be fed by "their parents should be fed during school holidays, as well as "on school days, from public funds, refers it to the Education "Committee to take all necessary steps without delay for obtain- "ing the highest legal opinion in the matter."

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"To insert after 'public funds,' 'other than rates raised for "Poor Law purposes.' And to add after 'matter': 'And that "in the event of the decision being unfavourable, Standing "Order No. 175 be suspended in order that the Education Com- "mittee may submit to the Council a proposal for an immediate "application to Parliament to enable the Council to supply "such meals during school holidays.'"

Cinematograph performances:—

MOVED BY REV. DR. SCOTT LIDGETT AND CARRIED:—

"That in the opinion of the Council the public exhibition at "places in London of pictures representing the recent prize fight "in the United States of America is undesirable, and that the "proprietors of London Music Halls and other places licensed "by the Council for cinematograph performances be so in- "formed."

Education Committee, Quarterly Report on Ordinary Administration,

reporting what had been done in order to reduce size of class rooms in order to comply with Article 14 of the Board of Education.

Voted against amendment:—

"To omit the paragraph."

Under the Standing Orders of Council it was the only way to raise THEN *the question of large classes.*

July 19th, 1910.—Fire Brigade Committee recommended and carried:—

The purchase of the chassis for three electrically driven motor escapes from THE AUSTRIAN DAIMLER MOTOR COMPANY OF VIENNA.

Education Committee recommended:—

"That the report of the Education Committee, submitting "the report of the Medical Officer Education for 12 months "ended 31st December, 1909, be circulated and placed on sale."

Voted against Progressive Amendment:—

"To add after word 'circulated,' 'to all members of the "Council.'"

This document would give all members of the Council FULL *information as to medical inspection in London Schools.*

ANOTHER PROGRESSIVE AMENDMENT EVENTUALLY CARRIED:—

"To postpone the matter for one week, and to have the docu- "ment circulated."

Education Committee recommended:—

"That as from 1st August, 1910, the award of attendance "medals be discontinued, and that the scheme governing such "award be abolished."

PROGRESSIVES MOVED AND CARRIED:—

"That the recommendation be referred back to the Com- "mittee."

Establishment Committee recommended:—

"That annual cleaning, painting, and repairs of Central "Offices shall be carried out by Contractors at estimated cost of "£2,032."

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"That the work be carried out under the management of the "Establishment Committee by the direct employment of "labour."

Highways Committee recommended:—

"That contract for 250 tramcar bodies be given to a con- "tractor."

Voted against reference back:—

"In order to consider manufacturing same in Council's own "workshops."

July 26th, 1910.—Education Committee report:—

On Medical Officer's Report Education adjourned from July 19th.

PROGRESSIVE AMENDMENT CARRIED TO ADD THE FOLLOWING:

"And that the Education Committee do report thereon after "the summer recess."

Housing Committee recommended:—

"That application be made in the Session of Parliament of "1911 for powers to enable the Council to lease any portion or "portions of the White Hart Lane Estate for development on "the lines of a garden suburb, and not solely for the accom-"modation of the working classes."

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"That the word 'lease' be omitted and the word 'develop' "substituted therefor, and that the words 'for development' be "omitted."

It was necessary in order to carry the above resolution under the Borough Funds Act to have an absolute majority of the Council vote for it, viz., 69.

IT WAS ONLY POSSIBLE TO GET THIS NUMBER 69 BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL VOTING FOR IT, AND THIS HE DID, THE UNWRITTEN RULE OF THE COUNCIL BEING THAT THE CHAIRMAN NEVER VOTES.

Housing Committee recommended:—

"That the Local Government Board be asked for consent to "sell about 90 acres of White Hart Lane Estate, the applica-"tion of the proceeds of such sale to be used in or towards the "development of any other lands under Part III. of the "Housing Acts."

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"To refer the resolution back."

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"To omit the word 'development,' and to substitute "'purchase.'"

July 27th, 1910.—Education Committee report:—

Annual revision of fixed staff in Council and Non-Provided Schools.

Voted against following Progressive amendment to add following words to recommendation:—

"And provided that whenever the Education Committee "permit the roll of any class in the charge of a single teacher "to exceed 60, they shall report the fact to the Council, and "also what steps they propose to take to bring the school into "conformity with Article 14 of the Code."

Education Committee recommended:—

"To allow a contractor to sub-let to a firm who only keeps "trade union hours and pays trade union wages *on the Council* "*sub-contract.*"

VOTED IN COUNCIL TO SUPPORT SAME, ALTHOUGH SOME MODERATES VOTED AGAINST IT.

Voted against:—

"External painting of stores, Clerkenwell, being carried out "by the direct employment of labour."

October 11th, 1910.—On Finance Committee's recommendations:—

"To fix the County rate for second half-year."

Voted against the following:—

"That the recommendation be referred back to the Commit-"tee for the purpose of enabling the Finance Committee to bring "up revised estimates to make provision for reducing classes, "and thus providing work for the unemployed teachers whose "training has been authorised by the Council and paid for out "of the County Rate."

Voted against the following amendment to above, to leave out all words after "Finance Committee," and add the following:—

"To consider and report as to the advisability of bringing "up amended estimates in view of the recent letter from the "Board of Education, which foreshadows the imperilling of the "Education Grant by so large a sum as £50,000."

Highways Committee reported that, acting under their powers during the summer recess, they accepted the following tenders:—

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DON'T FORGET THESE NAMES, AND REMEMBER HOW LONDON WAS COVERED WITH POSTERS DENOUNCING THE PROGRESSIVES FOR BUYING BELGIAN RAILS IN ORDER TO BREAK UP AN ENGLISH RING.

October 18th, 1910.—For the funeral of King Edward, the Council decided that all men possible in the employ of the Council should be given a day's holiday.

The Finance Committee recommended that

"The charge for same should be debited to the accounts of "each department, which meant that Tramway Accounts "should be debited the cost instead of the County Rate."

The Progressives opposed this, and

"moved the report back."

This was lost, and the Finance Committee's report only carried by TWO VOTES in the Council.

Education Committee recommended:—

"That representations be made to the Board of Education "urging them to take steps to secure that no further addition be "made to the number of unqualified teachers recognised by the "Board as efficient for employment in Elementary Schools."

The following amendment moved in the Council and carried:—

"To add the words, 'And that the Committee be instructed "in the meantime to bring up to the Council complete particu-"lars as to the classes containing more than 60 on the roll in "Council Schools, together with their proposals for conforming "to the regulations of the Board of Education with regard to "the maximum number to be included in such classes.'"

On Council's Printing Contracts.

Stores Committee, after recommending and carrying on July 26/27 principal printing contract should be given to a new contractor who had works out of London, now brought up reports to cancel the contract and to place it with the old contractors, a London firm.

October 25th, 1910.—Highways Committee brought up:—

Tramway proposals for Session 1911.

The Moderate members for Paddington moved the omission of:—

"Marble Arch to Cricklewood Tramways."

The Moderate members for Hampstead moved to omit:

"Chalk Farm Road to Child's Hill Tramways, Kilburn High "Road to Upper Avenue Road, Marylebone Road to Swiss "Cottage."

The Moderate members for Chelsea moved the omission of:—

"King's Road to Junction of Fulham Road Tramways."

The Moderate member for South Kensington moved to omit:—

"Fulham Road to Brompton Road Tramways."

None of these motions were carried in the Council.

Voted against the following Progressive amendment on tramway proposals:—

"But the Council is of opinion that these proposals for new "tramways do not meet the requirements of the locomotive "service of London, and refers it to the Committee to report "at the earliest date on the further schemes that are required "to place London in possession of a fully connected and "equipped tramway service."

November 1st, 1910.—Education Committee brought up:—

a report dealing with Medical Inspection.

Voted against following Progressive amendment:—

"And that the Education Committee do report as to the desi-"rability of submitting a further estimate in order that the "number of school doctors may be further increased."

November 8th, 1910.—Housing Committee recommended on the Tabard Street and Grotto Place Housing Schemes:—

"That the surplus lands under the scheme shall be sold, "leased, or otherwise disposed of as the Council may think fit."

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"To leave out the word 'sold' and the words 'or otherwise "disposed of.'"

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"To add to the scheme the following words: 'Provided that

"no license for the sale of intoxicating liquor shall be allowed "thereon.'"

Education Committee brought up

The Board of Education's letter of 17th September, 1910, complaining of the steps taken by the Council in not carrying out Article 14 of the Board's Code of Regulations in the schools maintained by the Council.

The article provides:—

"That in any school of which the school year commences "after 1st August, 1909, the number of scholars on the register "of any class or group of classes under the instruction of one "teacher must not exceed 60."

The Board of Education's letter, after giving instances of classes containing considerably over 60 children in London schools, concludes as follows:—

"It must, however, be clearly understood that unless the "circumstances affecting the particular case can be shown to be "really exceptional, and such that the authority could not "reasonably be held responsible, the grants conditionally pay-"able in respect of any school year commencing after 1st "August, 1909, will be substantially reduced in any case where "there has been a breach of the conditions of Article 14, and "compliance with that Article has not been secured by the end "of that school year. A rough estimate, based on the figures "at present before the Board, indicates that, apart from any "allowance for really exceptional cases, the total deduction "from the grants of the schools concerned will amount to about "**£50,000.**"

THIS IMPORTANT LETTER FINING LONDON RATEPAYERS £50,000 ON EDUCATION, ALTHOUGH IN POSSESSION OF THE MODERATES IN SEPTEMBER, WAS NOT BROUGHT UP IN THE COUNCIL TILL THIS DATE, NEITHER DID THEY INFORM PROGRESSIVE LEADERS OF RECEIPT OF SUCH A LETTER.

November 15th, 1910.—General Purposes Committee, at the instance of the Stores Committee, brought up a new Standing Order to allow:—

"That full details of tenders received should not be reported "to the Council except for Coals, Boots, Clothing, and Print-"ing."

THIS WAS REFERRED BACK TO THE COMMITTEE.

Improvements Committee brought up

A report signed by a Moderate, recommending the rebuilding of Lambeth Bridge.

ON COMING BEFORE THE COUNCIL, THE MODERATE MEMBER IN CHARGE OF THE REPORT REFUSED TO MOVE IT; IT WAS

THEN MOVED BY A PROGRESSIVE, BUT THE MODERATES VOTED AGAINST THE SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS, WHICH WOULD HAVE BROUGHT IT BEFORE THE COUNCIL, AND SO KILLED THE SCHEME FOR THIS YEAR.

November 22nd, 1910.—Education Committee's reply to Board of Education on their letter.

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"And that the Education Committee do consider and report "at an early date the action to be taken in order to provide "that no class shall exceed 50."

November 25th, 1910.—Theatres Committee recommended:—

"Licence for the London Hippodrome, subject to an under-"taking that no intoxicating drinks shall be sold or consumed "in the auditorium."

THIS WAS DEFEATED IN THE COUNCIL ON THE MOTION OF SIR JOHN MCDOUGALL, AND A LICENCE GRANTED AS BEFORE.

"Subject to an undertaking that no intoxicating drink shall be "sold or consumed on the premises."

November 29th, 1910.—Parks Committee recommended:—

"Not to exercise the option given by the owners to purchase "16¼ acres of land adjoining Norwood Park at the price of "£450 an acre."

The land is at present let for allotments.

Voted against Progressive amendment to refer the report back.

Highways Committee recommended:—

"That the Horse Tramways in Liverpool Road be discon-"tinued and the lines pulled up."

A DIVISION ON AN AMENDMENT BEING EQUAL, THE MOTION WAS EVENTUALLY WITHDRAWN.

December 6th, 1910.—South London Progressive Members

Again raised the question of Return Tram Fares, on proposed new fares from Norwood to Brixton, brought up by the Highways Committee.

December 13th, 1910.—Finance Committee brought up report: "agreeing to the Works Department site in Belvedere Road "being transferred to the Tramways Department for £76,000,

"which was the outstanding amount of the debt remaining on "the Works Department site."

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"To reduce the amount to £70,000."

Stores Committee brought up a report dealing with the Coal Supply of the Council:—

Suggesting having depot or depots in London.

1. Contracts would be arranged between the Council and collieries for delivery of coal to certain railway yards.

2. The Council would lease from railway companies certain sidings and storage space, and possibly employ certain staff at the railway yards to unload coal as far as possible from trucks to carts for immediate delivery, stacking a certain quantity as a reserve.

3. The Council would arrange a contract for the carting of the coal from the railway yards to the place of consumption. It is a question whether this contract should not include the unloading work, and we think it would be better for the Council, at any rate at first, to include all unloading and loading work in the cartage contract.

To appoint a Special Coal Officer.

EVENTUALLY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE WITHDREW THE REPORT.

DO NOT FORGET THIS REPORT IS BROUGHT UP BY THE PARTY WHICH ACCUSED THE PROGRESSIVES OF MUNICIPAL TRADING AND TRYING TO RUIN ALL TRADERS IN LONDON IN CERTAIN TRADES.

Improvements Committee recommended:—

"That the interests in whole of the Queen's Head Public "House, Putney Bridge Road, the Essex Arms Beerhouse, "Mare Street, be acquired, and the licenses *not* retained."

ON BEING BROUGHT BEFORE THE COUNCIL BOTH MOTIONS WERE DEFEATED ON DIVISIONS BY THE MODERATES.

December 20th, 1910.—Parliamentary Committee reported:—

"That they had not carried into effect the Council's instruc-"tions of 12th October, 1909, to apply for powers to establish "and maintain a receiving house for alleged lunatics in the "County of London."

THIS EXTRAORDINARY ACTION OF A COMMITTEE NOT CARRYING OUT THE COUNCIL'S INSTRUCTIONS WAS SUPPORTED ON A DIVISION IN THE COUNCIL.

Education Committee report on the

Feeding of school children, recommending school halls be used as dining centres.

Voted against following Progressive amendments:—

"And that it be referred to the Committee with instructions "to prepare for the consideration of the Council a scheme for "the provision of kitchen and dining hall accommodation at "all Elementary Schools, and that preliminary to estimating "the amount of accommodation the Committee do consider and "report as to the desirability of the Council seeking an amend-"ment of the law relating to the provision of meals, subject to "medical supervision, so that the Council may provide meals "for all children whose parents make request therefor, but at "the cost of such parents, except in the case of necessitous "children."

"And that it be referred to the Education Committee to con-"sider and report as to the desirability in the case of new or re-"modelled schools of making provision either to establish a "kitchen and a dining room at each school, or to group two or "three schools and provide a central kitchen and dining room."

Education Committee brought up report

"Recommending agreements with certain hospitals for medical "treatment."

Voted against following Progressive amendments.

"Subject to the condition that nothing in the agreement shall "prevent the Council's representative from visiting the premises "at which the treatment is provided when the treatment is "being given."

"And that the Education Committee be instructed to bring up "to the Council before the Easter recess a report embodying "a scheme for the establishment of school clinics after the ex-"piration of the agreements specified in this resolution."

January 24th, 1911.—Allocation of cost of Street Improvements Committee recommended:—

"That cost of improvements on Southgate Road and Green "Lanes be charged two-fifths to the account of the improve-"ment and three-fifths to the Tramways Account."

Voted against Progressive amendment.

"To make it one-half to each account."

Education Committee reported

receipt of a letter from Board of Education dated 1st December, 1911, complaining about and criticising the Council's proposals for Dental Treatment of School Children at Deptford Children's Health Centre and Poplar Hospital for Accidents.

As there was no recommendation to the report, the Progressives could only protest and support the Board of Education, by moving the report be received with the exception of the paragraph referred to.

This the Moderates voted against.

Improvements Committee recommended on Mall Extension to Charing Cross:—

"That in order that the completion of the Victoria Memorial "may not be definitely delayed, and in view of the urgent neces- "sity of completing the processional road without further delay, "the Council would be prepared to consider as a final settle- "ment of the case the advisability of contributing £75,000 "towards the cost, provided that the Council is relieved of and "the Government accepts all responsibility for the completion "of the matter."

Voted against amendment:—

"To leave out all words after 'prepared,' and add: "To accept the offer of the Government to contribute £25,000 "(together with the vacant site opposite Drummond's Bank), "and also the offer of the Westminster City Council to con- "tribute £50,000 towards the cost of the completion by the "Council of the extension of the Mall to Charing Cross; that "the balance of the estimated cost be borne by the Council."

Voted against amendment on Committee's recommendation:—

"To leave out all words after 'cost.'"

January 31st, 1911.—Education Committee recommended:—

"The payment of half wages during Christmas holidays at "certain Dining Centres."

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"And that it be referred to the Committee to consider as to "whether the services of these cooks cannot be utilised by "various agencies engaged in feeding necessitous children "during holidays, until the Council itself undertakes that "necessary duty."

Improvements Committee recommended on the Mall Extension to Charing Cross:—

"That the Improvements Committee be instructed to bring "up a scheme to enable the Council to provide such a widening "opposite Drummond's Bank as will enable the Coronation

"procession of H.M. the King to proceed by way of Spring "Gardens, if desired."

Moderate amendment moved and carried to above in the Council:—

"That in view of the refusal of H.M. Office of Works to "accept a contribution from the Council of £75,000, together "with a contribution of £50,000 from the City of Westminster, "and to complete the development of the Spring Gardens end "of the Mall, commenced as an extension of Government "buildings and continued as an integral part of the national "memorial to Queen Victoria, the Improvements Committee be "instructed to bring up a scheme to enable the Council, either "alone or in conjunction with the City of Westminster, to "provide such a widening opposite Drummond's Bank as will "enable the Coronation procession of H.M. the King to pro- "ceed by way of Spring Gardens if desired, and that the "Council do inform H.M. Office of Works that after the com- "pletion of the widening of the roadway for the purpose of the "Coronation the Council cannot accept further responsibility "for an improvement which at its inception was considered a "Government scheme for a stately entrance for Buckingham "Palace and St. James' Park, and has since been carried "forward without consultation with the Council."

Voted against following Progressive amendment:—

"That in view of the fact that on 20th December, 1910, the "Improvements Committee reported that, subject to the "Government contributing one-third of the cost, the Committee "would have no hesitation in recommending the Council to "undertake the completion of the Mall at once, and that in a "letter to the Office of Works on 19th January, 1911, it was "submitted on behalf of the Council that the Government "should have credit for the value of land already acquired, "and inasmuch as such land, together with the sum of £25,000 "promised, represents the full one-third cost demanded by the "Council, the Council is prepared to accept the offer of H.M. "Office of Works, etc., on this basis, and also the offer of the "Westminster City Council to contribute £50,000, and that the "Improvements Committee do forthwith prepare and submit to "the Council the necessary recommendations for the carrying "out of the work."

THIS GREAT LONDON IMPROVEMENT STANDS TO-DAY AS A STANDING EXAMPLE OF THE MODERATE MUDDLING POLICY, AND A RECORD OF THEIR ATTEMPT TO MAKE POLITICAL CAPITAL AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT ON A PURELY MUNICIPAL MATTER.

February 7th, 1911.—Stores and Contracts Committee:—

brought up to the Council the following report on Furniture and Joiners' Work purchased each year from firms in County of London and the provinces since 1st July, 1905:—

Year ended 31st March	COUNTY OF LONDON.			PROVINCES.		
	Desks.	Other Furniture.	Total.	Desks.	Other Furniture	Total.
1906 9 months	£11,622	£7,117	£18,739	£1,855	£6,352	£8,207
1907	8,065	3,846	11,911	1,379	6,469	7,848
1908	6,904	2,707	9,611	9,318	7,691	17,009
1909	5,769	7,846	13,615	9,650	6,876	16,526
1910	1,723	3,555	5,278	6,944	3,385	10,329

ONE OF THE MODERATE WHIPS MOVED THAT THIS PARAGRAPH SHOULD NOT BE RECEIVED, WHICH WAS CARRIED ON A DIVISION.

DO NOT FORGET THE LAST ELECTION POSTERS AND BILLS, "LONDON WORK FOR LONDON MEN."

Education Committee brought up a recommendation stating:—

"That the Board of Education be informed that the Council "is giving very careful consideration to the Board's letter dated "14th January, 1911, dealing with the arrangements made by "the Council for the medical treatment of school children at "hospitals, and recommending continuance of agreements with "four hospitals."

Voted against Progressive amendment to add:—

"In order that the Council may have full time to consider "and set up a comprehensive and efficient system of medical "treatment, including the provision of school clinics, which "will remedy the evils complained of in the Board's letter."

February 21st, 1911.—General Purposes Committee brought up following new Standing Order relating to correspondence:—

"Upon receipt by the Council of a communication which "in the opinion of the Clerk of the Council is of first import-"ance, a copy thereof shall immediately be sent by the Clerk "of the Council to each member of the Council and to each co-"opted member of the Committee or Committees within whose "reference the subject matter of such communication falls."

THE MODERATE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE REFUSED TO MOVE THIS IN THE COUNCIL; IT WAS MOVED BY THE PROGRESSIVE LEADER AND DEFEATED ON A DIVISION IN THE COUNCIL.

THIS NEW STANDING ORDER AROSE OWING TO THE POLICY OF SECRECY ADOPTED BY THE MODERATES ON IMPORTANT LETTERS RECEIVED FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION, WHICH WERE KEPT SECRET AND ONLY SHOWN TO CERTAIN LEADING

MODERATES. THE LETTER OF 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1910, THREATENING TO FINE THE COUNCIL £50,000 WAS ONLY BROUGHT BEFORE THE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 8TH, NEARLY TWO MONTHS AFTER RECEIPT; THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING AFTER RECESS WAS OCTOBER 18TH.

Highways Committee recommended:—

"That the working of the horse tramways in Liverpool Road "be discontinued, and that the lines be removed."

PROGRESSIVE MOTION TO REFER BACK CARRIED IN THE COUNCIL.

On a further Progressive amendment to add:—

"With instructions to report as to the advisability of elec-"trifying the Liverpool Road tramways forthwith."

THE VOTING ON A DIVISION WAS EQUAL.

Finance Committee recommended:—

"That grants of £35,100 passed by the Council to Secondary "Schools and Polytechnics in the years 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909

OUT OF MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT SHOULD BE NOW CHARGED TO CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

MOVED BY PROGRESSIVES AND CARRIED TO REFER BACK.

Do not forget that the Moderates got into power by charging the Progressives with

"COOKING ACCOUNTS"!!!

Education Committee reported the receipt of a letter from the Board of Education, dated 20th December, 1910,

complaining of the size of the Council's classes, and stating that Article 14 of the Code, 1909-1910, was not complied with in

907 DEPARTMENTS
1,982 CLASSES HAD MORE THAN 60 SCHOLARS.

March 7th, 1911.—Stores and Contracts Committee recommended, and carried in Council on a division:—

"That as from and including 1st April, 1911, payment to "assistants in the Stores Department (other than the warehouse "staff and workmen and assistants in charge of sections), when "kept after hours on ordinary work, be made at the rate of their "respective salaries or rates of pay for overtime worked in each "month after ten hours in the case of assistants on the staff, and "after five hours in the case of unestablished assistants, pro-"vided that overtime of less than half an hour on any day shall "not be taken into account in computing the total."

March 14th, 1911.—Improvements Committee recommended on Mall to Charing Cross Extension:—

"That as the Westminster City Council has agreed to contribute one-third of the net cost, the improvement specified in the foregoing resolution be undertaken, and that expenditure on capital account not exceeding £60,000 be sanctioned therefor."

March 21st, 1911.—General Purposes Committee recommended the following as new regulation of the Council:—

"Every employee of the Council shall, unless otherwise ordered by the Council, have the equivalent of one complete day's rest from his employment in seven days, provided that, in cases of emergency, chief officers of the Council may require all or any employees to work on the day secured to them for rest, but the making of such a requirement and the facts upon which it is justified shall be forthwith reported to the Council; and provided, also, that this regulation shall not apply to the members of the London Fire Brigade."

Voted against the following amendment to add the following words:—

To add the following words:—

"And that it be an instruction to the General Purposes Committee to report at the earliest possible date with a view to the regulation being amended, so that (1) one complete day's rest in seven shall be secured to all employees instead of the equivalent of one complete day's rest, and (2) the Fire Brigade shall not be excepted from the operation of the regulation."

Progressive amendment moved and carried, to add following words:—

"And that the General Purposes Committee be instructed to report within two months as to the application to the members of the London Fire Brigade of the regulation."

Improvements Committee recommended and carried in Council:—

"To let on lease property in Christchurch Road, Brixton, with an option to buy the freehold in twelve months."

On Progressive amendment to strike out the option the voting in the Council was equal.

Parks Committee recommended:—

"The surrender of 9,750 square feet of Brockwell Park to the public way."

Voted against following Progressive amendment, to add:—

"And to the further condition that the sum which the Council hereafter decides to credit to such account in respect of the

portion of Brockwell Park surrendered be earmarked for the acquisition of land for addition to Brockwell Park."

PROGRESSIVE AMENDMENT MOVED AND CARRIED:—

"And that the sum which the Council may decide to credit to the accounts in respect of parks and open spaces on account of the land thus surrended be earmarked for the provision of a new open space or spaces in the County."

March 28th, 1911.—Education Committee recommended the following regulation for schoolkeepers:—

"In every instance in which a case of smallpox occurs in connection with a school, college, or other educational institution where an unvaccinated schoolkeeper or caretaker is employed, or where any member of his household is unvaccinated, such schoolkeeper or caretaker, or such member of his household, must be vaccinated within 24 hours, or such schoolkeeper or caretaker must discontinue his duty. In the event of this instruction as to vaccination not being complied with, he and his household must vacate the premises, but his wages, excluding emoluments, shall be paid during the period of absence, and he shall not return until permission is given by the Council's medical officer."

Housing Committee recommended:—

"That in the opinion of the Council it is not necessary to provide under a special scheme new dwellings to accommodate the persons of the working class who will be displaced in conection with the acquisition of Nos. 87 to 111 (odd numbers), Wickham Street, and Nos. 54 and 56, Vauxhall Street, Kennington, authorised by the Education Board Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Act, 1910, and that the Local Government Board be asked to decide that a scheme for the provision of such dwellings is not necessary."

Voted against the reference back of the above.

Improvements Committee recommended:—

"The sale of 82,975 square feet of freehold land on Red Lion Street to Tooting High Street site."

Voted against reference back, moved by Progressives.

Education Committee brought up the following resolution:—

"That application be made to the Board of Education, pursuant to the Education (Provision of Meals) Act, 1906, for authority to enable the Council to spend out of the rates during the year ending 31st March, 1912, such sum within the limits of the produce of a rate of a halfpenny in the pound as may be necessary to meet the cost of the provision of such food."

Amendment moved in the Council and carried to add the words:—

"And that in view of the legal opinions which have been "given to the Council as to the illegality of the Council pro- "viding food for necessitous children during any period in "which the schools may be closed, it be referred to the Educa- "tion Committee to consider and report as to application being "made to the Board of Education, urging the Board to pro- "mote such an amendment of the existing Act as will enable "the Council to feed necessitous children on days when the "schools are closed."

April 4th, 1911.—Education Committee recommended:—

"That all public elementary schools maintained by the "Council be closed after the afternoon session of Tuesday, 20th "June, 1911, and reopened on the morning of Wednesday, 28th "June, 1911, in view of local celebrations to be held in con- "nection with the Coronation of His Majesty King George V."

Amendment moved in Council and carried:—

"That the consideration of the question be postponed until "the next meeting of the Council, in order that the Education "Committee may have an opportunity to report concurrently, "showing what arrangements will be made to ensure that all "children on the necessitous lists will be fed during the period "named for closing the schools."

Education Committee recommended:—

"That until further order the employees occupying or belong- "ing to the undermentioned positions or classes be exempted "from the operation of the regulation relating to the granting "to employees of the Council of the equivalent of one day's "complete day's rest in every seven days:—

1. "Schoolkeepers of all L.C.C. public Elementary Schools.
2. "Caretakers of the Council's Higher Education Institutions.
3. "Engineer and stoker drivers at the L.C.C. Avery Hill Training College."

Amendment moved in the Council and carried:—

"That the recommendation be refered back to the Commit- "tee with instructions to report again in two months' time what "arrangements can be made to grant these employees one day's "rest in seven, and as to the cost of same."

Similar amendments carried in Council on recommendation from Establishment, Housing, Improvements, and Public Control Committees' employees.

April 11th, 1911.—General Purposes Committee reported to the Council:—

"*That on 23rd March, 1911, the Chancellor of the Exchequer "wrote and asked for the services of Mr. E. J. Harper, Statis- "tical Officer, for the Departmental Committee on Imperial "and Local Taxation proposed to be set up by the Government.*

"*That on 27th March they wrote declining the services of Mr. "Harper, and offering those of the Comptroller of the Council.*

"*That on 3rd April the Chancellor of the Exchequer offered "to accept the services of the Clerk of the Council,*

and recommended:—

"That inasmuch as the Chancellor of the Exchequer has "thought fit, without stating any reason, to refuse to allow the "L.C.C. in a matter which is purely financial to be represented "upon the Committee by its principal financial officer, viz., the "Comptroller, and inasmuch as the interests of the London "ratepayers might be gravely imperilled by the action of the "L.C.C. were it to consent to be represented by anyone who is "not a financial expert and thoroughly familiar with every fact "and figure in support of London's special claim upon the "Imperial Exchequer, this Council feels obliged respectfully to "decline the invitation of the Government to lend for such a "purpose the services of an officer other than the Comptroller, "and prefers to trust that when action is taken upon the report "of the Committee, Parliament will see that the grievances of "London ratepayers are substantially redressed."

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"That the Council views with great satisfaction the appoint- "ment of a Special Committee to deal with the relations of "Imperial and Local Taxation, and thanks the Chancellor of "the Exchequer for inviting the service of one of the Council's "officers as a member of that Committee, thereby recognising "the extreme importance of the matter to London, and the "Council further assures the Chancellor of its willingness to "place at his disposal any one of its officers he may select to "co-operate with him in every way in the execution of his "avowed intention of readjusting the Imperial and local burden "in a manner more equitable to London."

Education Committee recommended:—

"That the Board of Education be assured that the Council is "taking, and will take, all practical steps which can from time "to time be taken to improve the existing arrangements for "the medical inspection and treatment of children attendintg "public elementary schools, pending the establishment of a "complete scheme of inspection and treatment, and will ensure "that at an early date substantial progress will have been made "in the establishment of a complete scheme, which will at least "be brought into partial operation not later than October, "1911, and that the Council will communicate to the Board any "important steps that may be taken in this matter from time "to time during the ensuing six months, that the Council under- "stands from Paragraph 3 of the Board's letter dated 14th

"March, 1911, that the Board authorise such increase as may "be found necessary in the number of children to be sent to "hospitals with which the Council had agreements during the "year 1910, and that the Board of Education be so informed."

PROGRESSIVE AMENDMENT MOVED AND CARRIED IN THE Council:—

"To omit all words from "that" down to October, 1911, and "insert in place thereof—

1. "The Council has already put into operation the scheme of medical inspection approved by the Council on 1st November, 1910, involving the appointment of 100 quarter time doctors.
2. "Further questions affecting the more efficient control of the inspecting staff are still under consideration.
3. "Pending the establishment of arrangements for securing the effectiveness of such treatment as is offered by the Council's scheme, the Council is taking, and will take, all practical steps which can be devised to improve the existing arrangements.
4. "The Council will ensure that by October, 1911, the scope of the scheme will be clearly defined, and that substantial progress will have been made towards its efficient working"

TO THE PROGRESSIVE AMENDMENT, WHEN CARRIED, A MODERATE AMENDMENT WAS PROPOSED:—

To insert after the words "six months":—

"That when a deputation representing all the local education "authorities of England and Wales waited on the Prime "Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 13th March, "1909, to point out that the medical treatment of children was "a national rather than a local service, and to ask, therefore, "for financial assistance from the Treasury towards any ex-"penditure incurred upon such service, the Prime Minister "emphatically asserted that any action on the part of the local "education authorities in the direction of medical treat-"ment was purely optional, and led the local edu-"cation authorities to infer that no pressure would be "brought to bear upon them by Government departments to "undertake medical treatment, that the Council must, there-"fore, reserve its liberty to terminate its arrangements for any "medical treatment in the absence of any undertaking at an "early date that the main portion of this expenditure shall be "borne by the National Exchequer."

ON THIS BEING PUT TO THE VOTE AND DIVIDED ON, THE NUMBERS WERE EQUAL, AND IT WAS NOT CARRIED, THE PROGRESSIVE AMENDMENT BEING CARRIED AS ABOVE.

Education Committee recommended:—

"That the Council learns with much pleasure that it is the "gracious intention of His Majesty the King to entertain

"100,000 of the London children at a fête at the Crystal Palace "on Friday, 30th June, 1911, in celebration of the Coronation; "that the Council is prepared to make full use of the school "organisation, to enlist the services of the teachers, and to "make all necessary arrangements in co-operation with the "railway companies for conveying the children from their "homes to the Crystal Palace and back, as well as with the "Crystal Palace authorities for the control of the children when "at the Palace, and that the Committee of the King's Corona-"tion fête of 100,000 children be so informed."

ON COMING BEFORE THE COUNCIL VERY LATE ON APRIL 11TH, THE MODERATE CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MOVED AND CARRIED:—

"That the Council do proceed to the next business."

AND THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION BECAME "DROPPED."

Education Committee recommended (see Finance Committee, 21st February, 1911):—

That the following amounts, which had been voted by the Council out of *Maintenance* Account should now be transferred to *Capital* Account, and the accounts re-opened and altered accordingly:—

Name.	Amount.	Passed by Council.	
Battersea Polytechnic ...	£5,000	July, 1908	May, 1909
Northampton do.	9,000	July, 1907	Mar., 1908
Alleyn's School	2,500	Jan., 1908	—
Coopers' do. ...	9,600	July, 1906 Nov., 1908	Jan., 1908 Mar., 1909
Godolphin do. ...	5,000	Jan., 1908	—
James Allen's School ...	3,000	Jan., 1908	—
Whitechapel Foundation	1,000	Nov., 1906	—
Total ...	£35,100		

WHO SAID "COOKING AND FAKING ACCOUNTS"?

May 9th, 1911.—Finance Committee submitted Annual Estimates:—

PROGRESSIVE AMENDMENT MOVED AND CARRIED:—

"And that it be referred to the Local Government Commit-"tee, in consultation with the other committees concerned, to "consider and report to the Council as to the possibility of an "agreement being come to under Section 41 of the Local "Government Act, 1888, for the amalgamation of the Special "and General County Rates."

Education Committee recommended:—

"That until further order the Medical Officer (Education) "be authorised, with the written consent of the parents, to "examine children attending public elementary schools main- "tained by the Council, and the Council's Special Schools, for "the purpose of ascertaining which children have been vacci- "nated and of excluding unvaccinated children where desir- "able."

Voted against Progressive amendment to refer back.

Fire Brigade Committee recommended:—

"That the periodical repairs, painting and cleaning and "minor new works at Fire Stations be carried out under the "direction of the Fire Brigade Committee by the direct em- "ployment of labour."

MODERATE AMENDMENT MOVED AND CARRIED IN THE COUNCIL:—

"To refer back."

May 16th, 1911.—Education Annual Estimates:—

Voted against following Progressive amendment:—

"And that it be referred to the Finance Committee to consider "and report as to the submission of a supplemental estimate "of £5,000 for the purpose of immediately proceeding with "arrangements for the dental treatment of children."

May 23rd, 1911.—Highways Committee Annual Estimates:—

Voted against following Progressive amendment:—

"But that the Council views with great concern the slow "progress being made towards the completion of its tramway "service in accordance with the recommendations of the Royal "Commission on London Traffic, and accordingly refers it to "the Highways Committee to prepare and present a complete "scheme for the extension and linking up of that service "throughout the county, showing what is necessary for every "district to be adequately served, the scheme to be framed "upon the principle of opening up business routes and avoid- "ing, wherever possible, roads used for residential purposes, "and further refers it to the Finance Committee to consider "and report upon the advisability of issuing, if necessary, a "new class of London Stock sufficient to cover the whole cost "of the tramways extension scheme as approved by the "Council."

Voted against following Progressive amendment:—

"And that it be referred to the Finance Committee to submit "a supplemental estimate of £50,000 for the purpose of pro- "ceeding at once with the electrification of all the remaining "horse tram lines."

Voted against following Progressive amendment:—

"That the estimate be reduced by £10 in order that the "acceptance or renewal of advertisements on the Council's cars "of alcoholic liquors may be discontinued."

May 30th, 1911:—Education Committee recommended:—

"That His Majesty's Government be urged to institute an "enquiry into the working of the Education (Provision of "Meals) Act, 1906, and the general effect of its operation up "to the present time, and to consider the advisability of making "amendments or extensions of the same, and to determine the "proper future allocation of the cost incurred by local Educa- "tion Authorities thereunder."

Voted against Progressive Amendment thereto:—

"That the recommendation be referred back to the Committee "with instructions to report as to the appointment of a depu- "tation to wait on the President of the Board of Education to "urge him to introduce a short Bill enabling local Education "Authorities to feed necessitous children on days when the "schools are not open as elementary schools, and to request "him, pending the passing of such a Bill, to move the Presi- "dent of the Local Government Board to allow local Education "Authorities to feed necessitous children on such days under "the powers he possesses under the Local Authorities (Expenses) "Act, 1887."

Voted against following Progressive amendment:—

"So that local Education Authorities may be empowered to "provide dinners for the elementary school children whose "parents shall make request therefor, the cost of such dinners "to be borne by such parents by means of tickets previously "taken and paid for by such parents, except in the case of "children found to be necessitous after full and proper inquiry "by the officers of the Council, or by such other safeguards as "may be from time to time decided upon, such dinners to be "provided not only on school days, but during the holidays "Sundays excepted)."

May 31st, 1911.—Highways Committee recommended:—

To accept tender from an English firm for Section Rails and Guard Flanges for £9,700.

WHEN THEY HAD A LOWER TENDER FROM A SCOTCH FIRM WHO WOULD SUPPLY GERMAN RAILS MADE BY SAME SPECIAL PROCESS FOR £8,168 15s., A DIFFERENCE OF £1,531 5s., EQUALLING 18¾ PER CENT. EXTRA.

VOTED AGAINST REFERENCE BACK AT 1.24 A.M.

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"And that as it would appear that in this case the excess cost "incurred by the acceptance of the higher tender will not be

" represented by assets, it be referred to the Finance Commit-
" tee to consider and report whether such excess cost should be
" brought into account as a charge against revenue or as obso-
" lete capital."

July 4th, 1911.—General Purposes Committee recommended:—

" That no action be taken with regard to the removal of the
" exemption of the members of the London Fire Brigade from
" the operation of the regulation made on 21st March, 1911, as
" to the allowance to employees of the equivalent of one com-
" plete day's rest from his employment in seven days."

AMENDMENT MOVED AND CARRIED IN THE COUNCIL "TO REFER REPORT BACK. 45 MODERATES VOTED AGAINST IT.

Parliamentary Committee brought up a report with recommendations on the Insurance Bill.

Progressive amendment moved to first recommendation to add the words:—

" The principles of which the Council warmly approves."

THE MODERATES REFUSED TO EXTEND THE SITTING OF THE COUNCIL IN ORDER TO DECIDE ON THIS AMENDMENT.

July 11th, 1911.—

ON AGAIN COMING BEFORE THE COUNCIL AS FIRST ADJOURNED BUSINESS, IT WAS MOVED BY THE MODERATE LEADER AND CARRIED ON A DIVISION:—

" That the consideration of the question be postponed."

Finance and Local Government Committees. Joint Report on evidence to be given before Departmental Committee on Imperial and Local Taxation, they recommended amongst other things:—

" That the Departmental Committee on Imperial and Local
" Taxation be informed that the Council understands that the
" Committee will probably consider the question of the rating
" of site values, and that in that event the Council will be glad
" to have an opportunity of placing its views before the Com-
" mittee, should the Committee decide to receive evidence with
" reference thereto."

Voted against Progressive amendment to add the words after " views ":—

" In favour of such rating."

Improvements Committee brought up recommendations for New Lambeth Bridge.

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

" That the recommendation be referred back to the Commit-
" tee with instructions to report—

1. " The additional cost of making the bridge 60 feet wide in place of 48 feet, and
2. " The additional cost of making the maximum gradient of the bridge 1 in 30 throughout instead of 1 in 19 in part."

Voted against following amendment:—

" That as the Council is strongly of opinion that a bridge at
" Lambeth with a carriage way only 32 feet wide, and with a
" gradient of 1 in 19, is inadequate and undesirable, the recom-
" mendation be referred back to the Committee with instruc-
" tions forthwith to re-submit to the Council the scheme sub-
" mitted to the Council on 15th November, 1910, for the con-
" struction of a new bridge 60 feet wide, with a maximum
" gradient of 1 in 30."

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS STRUCK OUT OF THE L.C.C. BILL ON SECOND READING THE CLAUSES RELATING TO LAMBETH BRIDGE.

Parliamentary Committee reported:—

" That on Tramway Bills promoted by the Council, Borough
" Councils spent as follows opposing same:—

Year.	Number of Boro' Councils opposing.	Cost of Boro' Council opposition.
1901	Eight	£900 16 11
1902	Twelve	1,052 2 0
1902	Two	459 17 4
1903	Six	1,106 17 2
1904	Nine	772 14 4
1905	Three	174 9 9

Improvements Committee reported:—

That they had agreed to preserve the license of the Gaiety Restaurant, that they had put in a tenant on the following terms:—The Council will receive 40 per cent. of the net profits, as certified by the Council's Comptroller, after deduction of usual trade expenses, license, rates, taxes, insurance, lighting, staff, compensation fund, and a yearly sum for personal supervision and management.

Voted against Progressive amendment

" Not to receive the report."

July 17th, 1911.—National Insurance Bill:—

As explained above, the Moderates had adjourned at two meetings of the Council; the Parliamentary Committee report thereon:—

The Progressives signed a requisition to the Chairman asking for a special meeting of the Council to consider same, and this was called for Monday, July 17th.

Voted against Progressive amendment to add the words:—

"the principles of which the Council warmly approves."

Moderate leader moved following amendment, to add the words:—

"the general object of which the Council approves to such "clauses as relate in a special degree to the public health and "other administrative work of the Council, and that the "Council deeming it inexpedient to deal with the general "principles of the Bill ask His Majesty's Government."

Voted against Progressive amendment to leave out the words:—

"deeming it inexpedient to deal with the general principles "of the Bill."

Voted against Progressive amendment to add the words:—

"but agreeing that the Bill if passed will have the effect of "reducing the rates of London by bringing about a reduction "in the present poor law expenditure and by effecting a material "reduction in the number of necessitous children for whom "meals have to be provided."

The debate was then again adjourned on the motion of the Moderate leader, seconded by Moderate Whip.

THE INSURANCE BILL WAS BEFORE THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AND COUNTRY AT THIS TIME, AND THESE TACTICS WERE PURSUED IN ORDER THAT IT COULD NOT BE SAID THAT LONDON WAS AT ALL FAVOURABLE TO THE BILL.

July 18th, 1911.—General Purposes Committee brought up recommendations:—

That contracts for architectural jobbing works at Council buildings be entered into with certain firms.

Voted against following Progressive amendment:—

"That as the termination of the contract for the execution

"of architectural jobbing works affords a favourable oppor-"tunity for reconsidering the present unsatisfactory arrange-"ments with regard to the execution of works, the recommenda-"tion be referred back to the committee with instructions to "prepare and submit to the Council a scheme for undertaking, "by the direct employment of labour, the architectural jobbing "works in question, for the superintendence of the various "works now executed by the direct employment of labour under "the direction of the several committees and for works of a "similar character now executed under contract being carried "out by the direct employment of labour as soon as the neces-"sary arrangements are made."

National Insurance Bill report debate again adjourned, Moderates voting against extending the sitting in order to finish the debate.

July 25th, 1911.—Debate again resumed.

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"It shall be made clear that one local health committee only "shall be appointed for the whole County of London."

August 1st, 1911.—Highways Committee report recommending new tramways for session of 1912.

Voted against following Progressive amendment:—

"And that it be an instruction to the Parliamentary Com-"mittee to submit at the earliest possible date recommendations "providing that H.M. Government be asked to take steps to "secure the abolition of the veto of Metropolitan borough coun-"cils to the introduction into Parliament by the Council of "schemes for tramways in London."

Education Committee brought up a very long and detailed report *altering the conditions of service of schoolkeepers, cleaners, etc. The report came before the Council at a very late hour, and it was agreed in the Council to postpone the contentious recommendations. The Progressives were most anxious to carry the resolutions which increased the pay of the women cleaners in Council's schools to* 5d. *an hour, with a minimum of* 14s. *a week of* 30 *hours.*

WHEN THESE RESOLUTIONS WERE REACHED AT 12 A.M., TO THE SURPRISE OF EVERYONE THE MODERATE LEADER MOVED:—

"That the Council do proceed to the next business,"

the effect of this being that all resolutions relating to the women became DROPPED.

August 2nd, 1911.—Highways Committee recommended:—

Contracts be accepted for:
6,000 driving wheel tyres, £4,700 0 0
4,000 pony wheel tyres £2,141 13 4

with the following conditions:—

That the contractor be allowed to sublet to:—

VEREINIGTE STAHLWERKE VAN DER ZYPEN UND WISSENER EISENHUTTEN AKTIEN GESELLSCHAFT, COLOGNE, GERMANY;

AND THE

GUTEHOFFUNGSHUTTE AKTIEN VEREIN FUR BERGBAU UND HUTTENBETRIEB, OBERHAUSEN, GERMANY.

THE WHOLE MODERATE PARTY PRESENT, WITH ONE EXCEPTION, VOTED FOR THESE CONTRACTS AT 12.57 A.M. AND 1.8 A.M.

October 24th, 1911.—Local Government Committee brought up a report on Equalisation of Rates, recommending:—

I. "A scheme of complete equalisation with regard to the "poor rate is not only eminently desirable, but also ultimately "practicable by means of a Central Poor Law Authority for "London."

II. "With regard to the borough rate, a scheme of further "equalisation though equally desirable requires more detailed "investigation."

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"That the recommendation be referred back to the committee "with instructions to submit to the Council a scheme for the "complete equalisation of London rates providing for such "central control of local expenditure as would be necessary to "prevent extravagance."

Voted for Moderate amendment to add the words:—

"and that any such scheme should provide for the maintenance "of the present system of local government, whereby the Coun-"cil is the authority with regard to matters concerning the "whole of London in common and the City Corporation and "the Metropolitan borough councils are the local authorities for "matters appertaining to their own localities."

Voted against following Progressive amendment to add:—

"With the expression of the Council's opinion that as the "present unfair incidence of the rates is a pressing burden on

"the poorer districts of London, the amount of the existing "equalisation rate should be increased from 6d. to 9d. as a "temporary measure pending the Board's consideration of the "question and the passage of any resulting necessary legisla-"tion."

Highways and Improvements Committee brought up Joint Report on New St. Paul's Bridge, and recommended:—

"That authority be sought in the session of Parliament, 1912, "for the construction:—

I. "Of tramways from Southwark-street over the proposed "new St. Paul's Bridge to a point near the most western end "of Cheapside.

II. "Of a shallow underground subway with the incidental "works connected therewith.

III. "Of junction lines between the tramways in South-"wark-street and those in Southwark Bridge-road at the junc-"tion of those thoroughfares."

This was the first active report brought before the Council on the St. Paul's Bridge, although negotiations had gone on for nearly a year with the City Corporation on the matter, the Bill had twice been before Parliament and discussed in detail, as well as before Committees of Parliament. No report had been presented to the Council on the details, although the Progressives had raised the question over and over again by questions, motions for adjournment of the Council, and any other opportunity Council's agenda and rules allowed them.

Voted against Progressive amendment to add:—

"and that as the Council is dealing with a proposal which may "ultimately aid in carrying into effect the Council's policy of "linking up the southern with the northern tramway system, "the Highways Committee be instructed to submit a scheme "providing for a connection between the proposed new tram-"ways and the existing tramways in Goswell-road."

October 31st, 1911.—Voted against following Progressive amendment:—

"And that as in view of the certain future development of "general traffic in South London consequent on the construc-"tion of the proposed St. Paul's Bridge, it is necessary to deal "adequately at this stage with the question of southern "approaches to the bridge, the Improvements Committee be "instructed to submit forthwith a scheme for the provision, on "the basis of the Home Office suggestion, but with such modi-"fications as may be considered desirable, of a new street in "continuation of the proposed southern approach to the "bridge."

After the long discussion on above, extending over two Council sittings,

A Moderate semi-official amendment was moved and carried on a division:—

"That as the Council, in view of the probability of large "additional expenditure in connection with the southern "approaches to the bridge becoming necessary if the scheme "proceeds, desires before approving the proposal of the High- "ways and Improvements Committees to have before it a report "from the committees on the merits and total cost of this "scheme as a means of obtaining a through route between the "northern and southern tramway systems, the recommendation "be referred back to the committees."

Voted against Progressive amendment to add:—

"With instructions to report within one week."

The result of the Moderate amendment was to postpone authority for trams over St. Paul's Bridge for another year, although a bargain made with the City Corporation and the Committees to give £350,000 towards the widening of the northern end of St. Paul's Churchyard. Three City members (Moderates) voted against the Moderate amendment, and the other member walked out.

November 7, 1911.—Housing Committee recommended:—

That application be made in the session of Parliament of 1912 for powers to enable the Council to grant on such terms as it thinks fit to persons of the working class leases for any period not exceeding 99 years of houses provided by the Council in pursuance of the provisions of the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1900 . . .

Voted against Progressive amendment to add the following after "class":—

"but so that by simply paying a small rent—probably less than "they pay now—they will in a few years be living rent free in "their own houses in the midst of beautiful surroundings."

THESE WORDS TAKEN FROM THE MODERATE ELECTION POSTERS AND LEAFLETS.

November 14th, 1911.

VOTED AGAINST CONTINUING the sitting of the Council beyond 7.30 p.m., in order to consider the resolutions of the Highways and Improvements Committees on the

MARBLE ARCH TO CRICKLEWOOD TRAMWAYS,

it being absolutely necessary for it to be decided this day

on account of giving Parliamentary notices in time, the result being the scheme is further postponed for a year.

NOTE HOW THE MODERATES ALWAYS PROFESS THEIR ANXIETY TO INCREASE TRAMS IN LONDON.

November 21st, 1911.—Public Control Committee recommended on Spitalfields Market Bill:—

"That the Council is not willing to become the purchasing or "leasing authority of Spitalfields Market under the City of "London (Spitalfields Market) Act, 1902, or under the provi- "sions of the proposed Bill of the Stepney Metropolitan "Borough Council."

Voted against following Progressive amendment:—

"That the Council has no objection to the Stepney Metro- "politan Borough Council obtaining the powers sought for in "its proposed Bill relative to Spitalfields Market, but that it "declines at this stage without further information to pledge "itself in any way as to accepting a transfer of the market "should it be offered by the Stepney Metropolitan Borough "Council."

Highways Committee recommended and carried:—

"That the reference to them to submit after the summer re- "cess a recommendation providing for authority to be sought "in the session of Parliament of 1912 in respect of a further "line of tramways from Forest Hill through Sydenham to Cat- "ford be discharged."

MORE MODERATE PROOF OF WANTING TO INCREASE TRAMWAYS.

November 24th, 1911.—Theatres Committee recommended:—

"That a licence for music and dancing be granted to the "London Hippodrome subject to an undertaking that no in- "toxicating drinks shall be sold or consumed in the audi- "torium."

SIR JOHN MCDOUGALL MOVED, AND IT WAS CARRIED ON A DIVISION IN THE COUNCIL, TO LEAVE OUT "IN THE AUDITORIUM" AND INSERT "ON THE PREMISES."

December 12th, 1911.—Parliamentary Committee reported without any recommendations they were taking steps to secure the following amendments in the House of Lords on the GOVERNMENT INSURANCE BILL:—

"The Council not to be liable in any way . . . to make "good one-half of any sums expended by the local health com- "mittee on medical benefits in excess of the amount payable to "the local health committee."

"The Council not to be liable in any way . . . to provide "or maintain sanatoria."

Shop Hours Act Parliamentary Committee reported:—

"That no further action be taken."

Moderate amendment moved and lost in the Council:—

"That an amendment be sought in the Shops Bill, 1911, to "provide that the administration of the Shop Hours Act, 1904, "shall remain as at present in the hands of the Metropolitan "borough councils."

Leasing of Cottages Bill:—

Progressive amendment proposed:—

"That words being inserted in the Bill—that the powers con- "ferred on the Council shall be subject to there being no "charge on the rates."

MODERATES VOTED AGAINST SAME AND DEFEATED IT ON A DIVISION.

December 19th, 1911.—Highways Committee reported at length their negotiations with the City Corporation re tramways over Southwark Bridge, the Bridge House Estates Committee reporting that it was not possible, and the Highways Committee now recommended a further conference with the City Corporation.

Voted against Progressive amendment to insert the following words:—

"The Council regrets the mismanagement by its representa- "tives of its negotiations with the City authorities."

St. Paul's Bridge:—

Highways Committee reported also the correspondence with the City Corporation on the new bridge, in which the City express strong views as to the action taken by the Council after agreements were made.

Housing Committee recommended:—

"That no action be taken to provide new dwellings for people "displaced on school sites in Bow and Bromley, Camberwell "N., Deptford, Fulham, Greenwich, Hackney C., Hack- "ney S., Haggerston, Hoxton, Islington S., Kensington "N., Paddington N., St. George's, Hanover-square, St. "George's in the East, and St. Pancras W."

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"That Haggerston and Hoxton be excluded, and the committee "be instructed to bring up a report as to the extent of over- "crowding and the need of better housing in the neighbourhood

"of Brunswick-street and Scawfell-street, Haggerston and "Buckland-street, and Nicholas-street, Hoxton."

January 23rd, 1912.—Highways Committee recommended:—

FOREIGN PULP BEING BOUGHT FOR TRAMWAY TICKETS.

SCOTCH AND CANADIAN PULP WERE TENDERED FOR, BUT PASSED AS UNSUITABLE.

January 30th, 1912.—Improvements Committee recommended:

"The sale of eastern horn of the Aldwych site to the Com- "monwealth of Australia."

Voted against Progressive amendment to add the words:—

"The Council, while adhering to the principle of the retention "of the freehold of the Council's land, welcomes the present "proposal for sale of land to a British Dominion beyond the "seas."

Voted against Progressive amendment to add the words:—

"As a special and exceptional case."

Education Committee recommended:—

"No observations be offered on amended scheme of Raine's "School, St. George's in the East."

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"The Council considers that the scheme of the Raine's School "should be further amended by the removal of the religious "restrictions in the case of the co-optative governors."

February 6th, 1912.—Voted against Progressive amendment:

"But disapproves of a religious test of any kind in the case "of the remaining six co-optative governors."

February 13th, 1912.—Education Committee recommended:—

Removal of agreement with Poplar Hospital for dental treatment of children.

Amendment moved by Progressives and carried, to add:

"That the Education Committee do confer with the Highways "Committee as to making special provision for the conveyance "of children and parents living at a distance of over one mile "to the hospital by the Council's cars."

February 20th, 1912.—General Purposes Committee recommended:—

That the following reference from the last Council, 22nd February, 1910 (just before the election), be discharged.

(N.B.—SPECIALLY NOTE MODERATE POLICY JUST BEFORE AN ELECTION *AND AFTER SAME.*)

"That it be referred to the General Purposes Committee to "report whether all persons or firms submitting tenders to the "Council should not be required to make a 'fair house' declara- "tion as to workpeople being employed at trade union rates of "wages for such working hours and under such conditions of "employment as are in conformity with the recognised customs "of the various trades, together with a penalty clause in the "event of the non-compliance with the terms of the declara- "tion."

AMENDMENT MOVED AND CARRIED IN THE COUNCIL TO REFER SAME BACK.

Moderates only named one teller against the reference back, so that a Progressive had to tell TWELVE MODERATES voting against reference back, the remainder present voting with the Progressives to refer back.

Highways Committee recommended:—

"That authority be sought in the session of Parliament of "1912 to enable the Council to enter into through booking "arrangements with omnibus companies."

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADJOURNED FROM FEB. 13TH, AND THEN THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ASKED LEAVE TO WITHDRAW IT. THIS WAS REFUSED BY COUNCIL, AND AS STANDING ORDERS WERE NOT SUSPENDED IT BECAME A DROPPED MOTION.

February 27th, 1912.—General Purposes Committee recommended:—

"That a communication be addressed to the Prime Minister "inquiring whether, as a result of the consideration given by "His Majesty's Government to the representations of the Coun- "cil in favour of the establishment of a traffic board for "London on the lines indicated in the report of the Royal "Commission, the Government proposes to introduce legisla- "lation to give effect to such representations."

Voted against following Progressive amendment:—

"That as the Council is of opinion that the abolition (recom- "mended by the Royal Commission) of the absolute veto of "Metropolitan borough councils would result in the improve- "ment of the locomotion and transport facilities of London, it "considers it unnecessary to ask the Prime Minister to consider

"further the suggestion that legislation should be introduced "to establish a traffic board, but hopes that His Majesty's "Government will take an early opportunity of bringing about "such an alteration of the standing orders of Parliament as "will secure to the Council the same freedom as regards bring- "ing tramway proposals before Parliament as is enjoyed by "other large municipalities in the United Kingdom."

Voted against following Progressive amendment:—

"In order to avoid the multiplicity of governing authorities "in London, and the consequent increase of expenditure out of "the rates, the Council is not prepared to press His Majesty's "Government to establish a traffic board, but desires to improve "the Council's control of traffic by entrusting the Council with "the same supervisory powers over traffic as are possessed by "all municipal authorities outside London."

Highways Committee recommended:—

CONTRACT FOR TRACK RAILS AND FASTENINGS BE GIVEN TO A FIRM WHICH WAS NOT THE LOWEST TENDER.

Lowest tender was	£22,563	15	0
Tender recommended was	26,592	10	0
Difference	£4,028	15	0

NEARLY 18 PER CENT. HIGHER.

February 27-28, 1911.

Voted against following Progressive motion at 12.15 a.m.:—

"That the recommendation be referred back to the committee "with instructions to the committee to ascertain and report "forthwith whether the wages paid at the works supplying the "lowest tender are in accordance with the Council's trade union "contract clause, viz., at the rates arranged between employers "and workmen in the rail trade in that part of the country."

March 5th, 1912.—Improvements Committee recommended:—

The sale by auction of several freeholds of the Council's lands.

Voted against following Progressive amendment:—

"That the recommendation be referred back to the committee "with instructions that the sale of freehold land shall be recom- "mended only in cases where the proposed purchasers are "public authorities, educational institutions, or religious or- "ganisations."

Voted against Progressive amendment to add the words:—

"With instructions to submit to the Council further particulars "of the properties proposed to be sold, and full information in "any case in which there may be special circumstances justi "fying a departure from the Council's usual practice of retain- "ing its freehold properties."

March 12th, 1912.—Voted against Progressive amendments

"To exclude the various properties from the sale."

March 19th, 1912. — Improvements Committee recommended:—

"To let a block of land in Mare-street and to give the lessees "the option for five years to buy the freehold."

Voted against Progressive amendment

"to omit the option from the agreement."

March 26th, 1912.—General Purposes Committee recommended:—

"That arrangements be made in accordance with the provi- "sions of the Shops Regulation Acts for the making of orders "for the closing of shops and the provisions of the weekly half- "holiday to be administered by the Metropolitan borough "councils."

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"That the consideration of the question be postponed in order "that the Metropolitan borough councils may be consulted on "the subject."

PROGRESSIVE AMENDMENT MOVED AND CARRIED:—

To add the words:—

"and that it be an instruction to the Public Control Committee "to consider and report whether the provisions of the Shops "Act, 1911, in connection with the early hours for workers in "shops would be improved by the passing of the Daylight "Saving Bill."

Education Committee recommended:—

"That in the event of unusual distress arising from a continu- "ance or as a result of the coal strike, the Education Commit- "tee be empowered to make arrangements for suspending the "ordinary Easter holidays, 1912, in the elementary and special "schools, and to take such other measures as they may con- "sider necessary in order that all necessitous school children "may be kept in well-warmed rooms and fed under the Educa- "tion (Provision of Meals) Act, 1906, or otherwise provided "that a corresponding extension of the school holidays be

"granted at Whitsuntide, and that any necessary application "to the Local Government Board under the Local Authorities "(Expenses) Act, 1887, be made by the Finance Committee."

Voted against following Progressive amendment:—

"That in order to make provision for dealing with distress "among school children due to the coal strike, the Education "Committee be authorised to exercise such powers as the Coun- "cil possesses as the local education authority, and that para- "graph 26 of the order of reference to the Finance Committee "be suspended in order that the Education Committee may "themselves, if they think fit, apply on behalf of the Council "to the Local Government Board for sanction under the Local "Authorities (Expenses) Act, 1887, to use the rates for the pur- "pose of feeding necessitous children on days when the schools "are not open as elementary schools."

April 2nd, 1912.—Housing Committee recommended:—

"That no objection be raised to the insertion in the Workmen's "Trains and Tram Time-table of an advertisement relating to "the sale of malt liquors."

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"to refer the same back to the committee."

THIS WAS LOST BY THREE VOTES.

ON THE MAIN QUESTION BEING PUT, IT WAS LOST.

Small Holdings and Allotment Committee brought up a report on small holdings, which stated:—

"Having carefully reviewed all the circumstances, we are un- "able at present to submit any definite proposal on the subject "of small holdings . . ."

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"That the recommendation be referred back to the committee, "with instructions to consider and report as to a scheme which "would enable the Council to authorise such expenditure and "such procedure as shall facilitate the acquisition on satisfac- "tory terms of land for the purpose of providing small hold- "ings."

April 3rd, 1912.—Main Drainage Committee:—

brought up a recommendation exempting certain employees from the one day's rest in seven resolution.

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"That the recommendation be referred back to the committee "with instructions to report forthwith as regards all employees "in the main drainage branch of the chief engineer's depart- "ment . . . who are employed at a station where the work "resolution) who are employed at a station where the work "is carried on without intermission, and who work in shifts of

"eight hours without any stated intervals for meals, what "arrangements are necessary in order to provide that all such "employees shall be granted a 48-hour week."

Stores and Contracts Committee recommended:—

"THAT A CONTRACT FOR WHITE AND COLOURED "SCHOOL CHALKS BE ENTERED INTO WITH A "FIRM IN MAGDEBURG, GERMANY."

Stores and Contracts Committee recommended:—

"That the list of rates of wages and hours of labour be "amended in order to provide, in the portion of the list dealing "with the printing trades, that in respect of each trade for "which a greater number of hours is specified in the list, the "hours of labour shall not exceed 50 per week."

IT WAS NECESSARY TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS TO PASS THIS, AND MODERATES VOTED AGAINST SUSPENSION.

Housing Committee brought up their proposed scheme for workmen purchasing their own houses, for which they wanted to obtain Parliamentary powers.

The rents suggested were:—

Norbury Estate.*	5-Room Cottage.	4-Room Cottage.
Purchase in 15 years	12s. 8d. per week	10s. 6d. per week
" 20 "	10s. 8d. "	8s. 10d. "
" 25 "	9s. 7d. "	7s. 11d. "
Add in each case for Repairs, Rates, &c.	4s. 8d. per week	4s. 0d. per week

*Old Oak Estate and White Hart Lane are a few pence less.

After purchase, the tenant must still pay a ground rent to the Council:—

£5 to £4 a year for 5 roomed cottage.
£3 to £4 a year for 4 roomed cottage.

The prospective lessee to satisfy the Council that he has a *bona fide* intention of residing in the house.

Leases to be for 99 years, and the lessee to pay £5 deposit on the granting of the lease. Not to be granted if

lessee owns another house. Not to display any advertisement boards without the consent of the Council.

Highways Committee recommended:—

the appointment of an advertising agent for the United States of America in order to obtain advertisements there for the Council's tramcars.

Voted against Progressive amendment to add following words to the recommendation:—

"With a view to decreasing the amount of unemployment in "this country, and in order to secure the purchase wherever "possible of those goods which have been wholly or in part "manufactured within the United Kingdom."

AFTER VOTING AGAINST THIS AMENDMENT THEY THEN VOTED AGAINST THE HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION AND IT WAS THEREFORE LOST.

Improvements Committee:—

brought up supplemental estimate of £3,500 on the Mall to Charing Cross roadway; this makes total estimate to date £83,500.

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"That the recommendation be referred back to the committee "with instructions to advise the Council as to the steps which "may be taken with a view to the completion, in a manner "worthy of London, of the Mall to Charing Cross improve- "ment."

Parks Committee recommended:—

"That in future a charge of 1d. should be made for a chair and "a programme at the bandstands at Avery, Golders and "Parliament Hills, Brockwell, Clissold, Finsbury, Ravens- "court, Ruskin, Wandsworth, and Waterlow Parks, and Horni- "man Gardens."

The charge is now one halfpenny per chair and one halfpenny for programme; difference in charge to man and wife and four children—New scheme, 6 *chairs and programes,* 6d.; *old scheme,* 6 *chairs and* 1 *programme,* 3½d.

PROGRESSIVE AMENDMENT MOVED AND CARRIED:—

"To refer the recommendation back to the committee."

April 30th, 1912.—General Purposes Committee recommended:

"That in the case of the improvements for the new St. Paul's "Bridge that the Special Allocation Committee be instructed to "report, before the application is made to Parliament, what "amount should be charged respectively to Tramways and "Improvement Accounts."

THE PRACTICE TILL NOW HAD BEEN TO MAKE THE CHARGE WHEN THE COST WAS BROUGHT UP TO THE COUNCIL, THE OBJECT OF ABOVE BEING TO PREJUDGE THE CASE AND TO LOAD UP THE TRAMWAYS WITH MORE CHARGES.

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"to refer the matter back."

May 14th, 1912.—On Asylums Committee Annual Estimates.

Voted against the following Progressive amendment to add the words:—

"and that it be referred to the Finance Committee to consider "and report as to the submission of a supplemental estimate "sufficient to maintain the asylums in a fit and proper state of "repair."

On Establishment Committee Annual Estimates.

Voted against following Progressive amendment to add following:—

"And that it be referred to the Finance Committee to consider "and report as to submitting forthwith a supplemental estimate "in order that the building of the New County Hall may be "greatly accelerated."

PROGRESSIVE AMENDMENT MOVED AND CARRIED TO ADD FOLLOWING:—

"And that the Establishment Committee be instructed to ex- "pedite the completion of the New County Hall to secure it "being ready for occupation at the earliest possible date, and "to report to the Council immediately the steps they propose to "take in order to carry out this instruction."

Stores and Contracts Committee brought up contracts for laundry work.

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"That the recommendation be referred back to the committee "with instructions that contracts be arranged for a period not "exceeding one year, and that before making further recom- "mendation for work of this nature the committee do report "as to fixing a minimum scale of wages to be inserted in con- "tracts for laundry work as is at present done under standing "order in the case of workers employed under contracts for the "supply of clothing, etc."

Highways Committee reported:—

that the result of their negotiations with the Bridge House Estates Committee re bringing Tramways over Southwark Bridge was that it was not possible, as

(a) There was no Parliamentary authority;

(b) The dimensions of the altered bridge would not permit it.

May 21st, 1912.—Education Committee Annual Estimates.

Voted against Progressive amendment to add the words:—

"and that it be referred to the Finance Committee to consider "and report as to the submission of a supplemental estimate "in order to provide that every woman cleaner in regular em- "ployment shall receive the maximum weekly wages fixed by "the Council."

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"and that it be referred to the Finance Committee to consider "and report as to the submission of a supplemental estimate in "order that adequate provision may be made for the supply of "meals at schools attended by necessitous children."

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"and that it be referred to the Finance Committee to consider "and report as to the submission of a supplemental estimate "of £5,000 for the purpose of immediately proceeding with "more adequate arrangements for the dental treatment of chil- "dren in our schools."

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"The estimate be reduced by £5 in order that the furniture "factory may be kept up to full working strength and the saving "to the Council involved in the direct employment of labour "in the Council's own workshops realised thereby."

May 22nd, 1912.—Education Committee recommended:—

"That in view of the statement made by the President of the "Local Government Board in the House of Commons in respect "of overlapping in the relief of children between the work of "the Council and that of the boards of guardians, the Presi- "dent's attention be drawn to the steps which have been taken "by the Council with a view to an equitable settlement of the "question, and that the President be again urged to receive a "deputation from the Council in order that the question may "be discussed and typical cases of overlapping presented."

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"to refer the recommendation back."

Allocation Committee recommended:—

"That the cost of widenings at Stanstead-road, Catford, and "Catford Hill be allocated—

"Two-thirds to Tramways Account,

"One-third to Improvements Account."

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"That it be allocated equally between Tramways and Improve- "ments Account."

THE HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE OBJECTED TO THE ABOVE, AND ASKED THE COMMITTEE TO RECONSIDER THE MATTER.

Public Control Committee recommended:—

"That the resolutions of 26th March, 1912, regarding Shop "Hours Act being administered by the borough councils be "rescinded."

MODERATE AMENDMENT MOVED AND CARRIED AT 3.7 A.M.:—

"That having regard to the replies received from the borough "councils, and to the desire expressed by many of them that "the Council should delegate to them the administration of "all the provisions of the Shops Act, 1912, it be referred to the "General Purposes Committee to convene a conference of "representatives of the borough councils on the subject."

June 18th, 1912.—Housing Committee Annual Estimates:—

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"That having regard to the estimates now submitted, the Coun- "cil regrets the limited proposals for the proper housing of the "working classes which the committee have brought forward."

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"and that it be referred to the Finance Committee to consider "and report as to the submission of a supplemental estimate "for the clearance of the Brady-street, Bethnal Green, slum "area under Part I. of the Housing Act, 1890, so that a scheme "for the clearance of this area may be put in hand without "delay."

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"That the estimate be reduced by £1 in order that the Housing "Committee may report as to the desirability of consolidating "in the hands of the Council the whole or part of the adminis- "tration of the Housing Acts in London."

Improvements Committee Annual Estimates.

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"and that it be referred to the Finance Committee to consider "and report as to the submission of a supplemental estimate of "£165,000 for the purpose of widening Kingsland-road and "Old-street, near Shoreditch Station."

June 25th, 1912.—Highways Committee reported following figures on Working of Tramways for year 31st March, 1912:—

Total Capital expended	£12,193,648	6	4
" Paid back from Revenue, Sale of Horses, &c. ...	2,535,397	16	7
Net Debt 31/3/1912	9,658,250	9	9

Income—Electric Traction ...	2,294,488	17	3
Expenses " "	1,348,310	8	0
Gross Profit " "	946,178	9	3
Income—Horse Traction	61,692	0	2
Expenses " "	73,658	1	6
Loss " "	11,966	1	4
Paid for Interest, 1911-12	334,173	7	7
" Repayment of Capital ...	369,355	15	8
Income Tax Paid in addition to Property Tax	22,857	10	2
Renewals Fund, 31/3/12	654,844	8	1
General Reserve Fund, 31/3/12 ...	265,557	19	7
Total Reserve Funds	920,402	7	8

Passengers Carried—Electric Cars...	516,092,489
" " Horse "	17,347,746
Total	533,440,235

Number of Car Miles Run—Electric	48,777,026
" " " Horse	1,680,786
Total	50,457,812

Highways Committee Annual Estimates.

Voted against Progressive amendment to add the words:—

"and having regard to the inadequacy of the facilities for intra- "urban transit in London, and the particular suitability of the "tramway system to supply the deficiency, the Council regrets "that the capital estimates of the Highways Committee do not "provide for a comprehensive scheme of tramway locomotion."

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"That the estimate be reduced by £10 in order that the accept- "ance or renewal of advertisements on the Council's cars of "alcoholic liquors may be discontinued."

General Purposes Committee recommended new Standing Order on Contracts:—

"No contract shall be entered into with any person or firm "who has been proved when executing a contract for the Coun- "cil to have infringed the conditions as to fair wages imposed "in such contract."

Voted against following Progressive amendment:—

"That the recommendation be referred back to the committee "with instructions to submit the standing order in such a form "as to provide for the addition of the following condition: "That all workpeople employed by such person or firm are paid "trade union rates of wages and that the working hours and "conditions of employment are in conformity with the recog- "nised customs of the various trades, and that in the event of "there being no trade union rates, such rate of wages, hours "of labour, and conditions of employment as are generally "accepted as fair and in practice obtain in any district in which "work is done by such person or firm."

July 2nd, 1912.—General Purposes Committee recommended:

"That no action be taken with regard to the removal of the "exemption of the members of the London Fire Brigade from "the operation of the regulation made on 21st March, 1911, "as to allowance to employees of the equivalent of one com- "plete day's rest in seven days."

Voted against Progressive amendment: —

"to refer the recommendation back."

Parks Committee brought up a scheme for the reorganization of the Parks Staff:—

Voted against following amendment thereon:—

"That it be an instruction to the committee to submit forth- "with supplementary proposals providing by means of special "service allowance or otherwise that all adult male employees "in the parks service who have served over two years, and are "in receipt of less than 30s. a week, shall receive an immediate "increase of 1s. a week, rising by yearly increments of 1s. to "30s. a week, and that all employees at present receiving "between 30s. and 35s. a week shall be granted on similar con- "ditions increases of wages equal in amount to those above "specified as regards employees at present in receipt of less "than 30s. a week."

Local Government Committee brought up report recommending:—

"That a New Court House at Newington be provided for Quar- "ter Sessions for the County of London."

Voted against following Progressive amendment:—

"It is desirable that all criminal business of Quarter Sessions "for the County of London shall be merged in the Central "Criminal Court."

Voted against following Progressive amendment to add the words:—

"Although the Council considers that the utilisation of the Cen- "tral Criminal Court for criminal business of Quarter Sessions "is the proper solution of the existing difficulties, and that the "erection of a new Sessions House is an unnecessary expendi- "ture of public money, and as the refusal of the Corporation "of the City of London to come to any arrangements precludes "any other action by the Council, it resolves with regret that "all criminal and civil business . . . should be transacted "in one building."

July 9th, 1912.—Parliamentary Committee brought up a report Railways Bill, 1912.

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"That as the provision and maintenance of low rates for the "carriage of merchandise and cheap fares for the travelling "public are of prime importance to the welfare and prosperity "of London, the Council considers the clauses of the bill re- "lating to increases in rates and fares should be opposed."

Improvements Committee recommended:—

a grant of £126,400 for widening of part of Leadenhall-street.

Voted against following amendment:—

"And that it be referred to the Local Government Committee "and the Improvements Committee to consider and report "forthwith on the question of applying to Parliament in the "session of 1913 for power to require a contribution from the "omnibus companies using those thoroughfares where in con- "sequence of increasing traffic improvements to secure a "widening of the same are necessary."

Voted against following Progressive amendment:—

"And that as the Council is hereby specifically committed to "a large expenditure entirely out of the rates for a street "widening necessitated by the 'large extent to which the street "is used by motor omnibuses,' it be referred to the General "Purposes Committee to consider and report as to whether the "policy of charging part of the cost of widening in other "cases to tramways account should not be revised."

July 16th, 1912.—General Purposes Committee recommended:

(a) "That, subject to the approval of the Home Secretary, "the powers of the Council under the Shops Act, 1912, be exer- "cised by the Metropolitan borough councils who desire to act "as agents for the Council for the administration of the Act.

(b) "That subject to approval by the Council of the number "of persons appointed by any Metropolitan borough council "for the purposes of the administration of the Act and the "salaries to be paid to such persons, and subject also to general "approval by the Council of the total expenditure of the "borough councils in connection with the administration of the "Act, the Council do make to such borough council out of the "Special County Account of the County Fund a contribution "equal to 75 per cent. of the expenditure so incurred.

(c) "That in the Metropolitan boroughs the councils of which "do not desire to administer as agents of the Council the pro-"visions of the Shops Act, 1912, the Act be administered by the "Public Control Committee."

Voted against Progressive amendments:—

"to refer A and B back to the committee."

Voted against Progressive amendment of B:—

To substitute, instead of 75 per cent., "the cost of the duties if "centrally administered."

Education Committee recommended in connection with the Dock Strike:—

That school teachers in Poplar be allowed to distribute tickets for Saturday meals organised by a Poplar Committee.

Voted against following Progressive amendment, to add the words:—

"Inasmuch as it is the duty of a local education authority to "take all steps within its power to alleviate any distress among "school children."

Voted against the sitting of the Council being continued in order to finish the debate on the feeding of children in the districts affected by the Dock Strike. Matter adjourned to next Council meeting.

July 23rd, 1912.—Finance Committee reported:—

Surplus Profits on Parks Boating Account as follows:—

1908-9	£1,175	3	3
1909-10	1,604	5	4
1910-11	1,152	2	8
1911-12	1,565	10	6

£4,027 5s. 9d. of the debt for cost of boats, etc., has been repaid out of revenue.

This system, with cheap fares, was introduced by the Progressives.

WHAT DO THE MODERATES SAY TO THIS MUNICIPAL TRADING?

Education Committee.

ADJOURNED DEBATE ON FEEDING OF DOCKERS' CHILDREN.

FOLLOWING AMENDMENT MOVED IN COUNCIL AND CARRIED:

"That similar permission be given for the distribution of "tickets pending the termination of the dock labour dispute in "respect of meals on Sundays, and also on week-days, during "the coming school holidays, that the committee do forthwith "cause inquiries to be made in all districts where necessitous "children are now being fed in order to ascertain whether local "agencies or funds exist, and are adequate to meet the needs "of school children necessitous as a result of such dispute, that "where such agencies or funds are found to exist, the distribu-"tion of tickets be permitted to the same extent as in the case "of Poplar, and the results of such inquiries and action taken "be reported to the Council at the next meeting, 30th July, "1912."

MODERATE AMENDMENT MOVED BY THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND WITHDRAWN AFTER DEBATE:—

"And that the Council's feeding centres and organisation be "available for the use of such agencies in the affected districts, "and that in the event of voluntary funds proving insufficient "in any district, such centres and organisation should be placed "at the disposal of the boards of guardians in order that any "food and nourishment can be supplied for children on the "necessitous list."

General Purposes Committee brought up recommendations:—

abolishing the Local Government and Statistical Department.

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"That as the evidence taken at the enquiry shows the work "of the department to have been efficiently and economically "performed, the Council declines to destroy it, but instructs the "committee to report as to any minor re-adjustments necessary "to prevent overlapping and increase the efficiency of the Coun-"cil's administration."

Voted against Progressive motion:—

"That as a matter of urgency application be made to the "President of the Local Government Board for permission to "use the rates for the feeding of necessitous children during "the summer holidays in the event of the continuance of the "distress due to the strike of the transport workers."

VOTED IN FAVOUR OF FOLLOWING MODERATE AMENDMENT MOVED BY VICE-CHAIRMAN OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE:—

"That the Council is of opinion that the feeding of necessitous school children during holiday times should not be borne "by the education rate; that the Council's feeding centres and "organisation should be available for the use of voluntary "agencies if there is exceptional distress during such periods, "and that in the event of voluntary funds proving insufficient "in any district, such centres and organisation should be placed "at the disposal of the public authority required by statute to "administer relief in order that food and nourishment may "be provided for necessitous children."

Housing Committee recommended:—

"That as the Local Government Board had consented to the "northern part of White Hart-lane (about 49½ acres) being sold, "it be handed over as surplus lands to Improvements Committee."

Voted against Progressive amendment:—

"And that it be referred to the Finance Committee to report "upon the question whether the proceeds of the sale shall be "devoted to the purchase of other lands for the purposes of "Part III. of the Housing of the Working Classes Act."

July 30th, 1912.—

General Purposes Committee recommended and carried in the Council on a division:—

That the Medical Officer of Health for the County of London should not be allowed to attend meetings and give such advice and assistance as in his power to the Insurance Committee for the County of London.

Voted against reference back of the motion.

General Purposes Committee recommended contracts for Architectural Jobbing Works for 16 districts in London.

The prices vary as follows:—

Works—

Under £5—5 per cent. to	25	per cent.	*above*	Schedule	Prices
" £25—5 "	15	"	"		
" £50—5 "	15	"	"	"	
" £200—2½ "	12½	"	"	"	
Over £200—Schedule to	12½	"	"	"	
Day Work, 10 per cent.	20	"	"	"	

This means on exactly the same work you pay in Mile End 5 per cent. above schedule value, in Limehouse you pay 25 per cent. above schedule value. In Dulwich you pay 5 per cent. extra, in Lewisham 20 per cent. extra above the schedule value.

On day work you pay 10 per cent. above in Mile End, in Limehouse 20 per cent., in Dulwich 10 per cent., in Lewisham 20 per cent. extra.

No wonder contractors wanted to abolish the Works Department, which meant one price for Council work in all parts of the county.

Education Committee brought up report on:—

New Draft Scheme for Raine's Foundation Schools.

Voted against following Progressive amendment:—

"And the scheme should make it clear that the governors will "be free, and that it will be their duty in case of vacancies to "select as head teachers and assistants the best applicants with-"out regard to their religious opinions or practice."

Highways Committee brought up further report on:—

Return Fares on Southern Tramways.

Voted against following Progressive amendment:—

"That as the Council is of opinion that passengers in certain "parts of South London should not specially be favoured by "return fares, the recommendation be referred back to the com-"mittee with instructions to bring up a full report on return "fares for all parts of South London."

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Electric Tram Receipts.

	Year 31st March, 1911.		Year 31st March, 1912.	
Total Takings ...		**£2,094,779.**		**£2,231,945.**
Week ending	Miles		Week ending	Miles	
3rd May ...	124·63	£42,891	1st May ...	130·23	£41,937
10th „ ...	...	43,491	8th „ ...	...	42,454
17th „ ...	...	42,823	15th „ ...	...	43,733
24th „ ...	...	42,709	22nd „ ...	...	42,985
31st „ ...	...	44,671	29th „ (Whit-Week) ...	...	46,670
7th June (Whit-Week) ...	...	48,867	5th June ...	...	41,908
14th „ ...	...	42,829	12th „ ...	...	42,258
21st „ ...	...	48,878	19th „ ...	...	42,700
28th „ ...	...	46,206	26th „ ...	...	42,977
5th July ...	...	45,901	3rd July ...	...	42,595
12th „ ...	...	44,991	10th „ ...	...	42,732
19th „ ...	...	43,963	17th „ ...	...	43,221
26th „ ...	...	43,392	24th „ ...	...	41,116
2nd Aug. ...	...	42,455	31st „ ...	...	40,706
9th „ ...	...	44,289	7th Aug. ...	...	41,241
16th „ ...	...	40,543	14th „ ...	...	38,020
23rd „ ...	...	41,204	21st „ ...	...	38,767
30th „ ...	...	41,277	28th „ ...	...	39,474
6th Sept. ...	...	42,525	4th Sept. ...	...	39,576
13th „ ...	...	42,535	11th „ ...	...	39,511
20th „ ...	...	41,996	18th „ ...	...	39,370
27th „ ...	...	42,498	25th „ ...	...	39,799
4th Oct. ...	...	41,779	2nd Oct. ...	...	41,409

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